

COUPONS

"You're always telling us to be creative, [and/ area/ the] we'll find ways to make money," Katie [see/ was/ care] trying to convince her father. "So, [kind/ fit/ will] you take my offer or not?"

"[See/ Fly/ I'll] discuss it with your mother and [sat/ let/ goat] you know," he said.

Katie was [too/ sea/ rain] young to baby-sit, but she [guesses/ wanted/ halted] to earn a little extra money. [Then/ And/ She] had come up with the idea [of/ sit/ at] becoming a grocery shopping helper. As [of/ by/ a] helper, she would go with her [leads/ father/ seemed] on weekly visits to the grocery [plays/ flat/ store]. Her duties would include: writing the grocery [list/ seem/ star], collecting the coupons, unloading the car, [and/ got/ too] putting the groceries away. It was [if/ to/ a] simple case of supply and demand. [Her/ Get/ Key] parents were always saying they should [slap/ five/ clip] coupons to save some money, and [her/ was/ for] dad complained about the weekly hassle [fit/ rat/ of] grocery shopping. Certainly they would accept [her/ ship/ bit] offer.

Her parents finally agreed to [the/ tap/ got] terms of her contract. They would [pen/ pay/ ray] her the amount she saved them [pain/ each/ slip] week in coupons plus five dollars. [Slip/ Good/ They] included in the agreement that Katie [must/ hill/ vest] maintain her grades and finish her [under/ other/ after] weekly chores. Happy, Katie began to [plan/ flip/ step] her strategy.

First, she bought a "[sleeps/ horse/ coupon] keeper," a vinyl pocket file with categories [of/ top/ at] food listed on dividers. Then she [meat/ began/ clean] to collect coupons and store them [in/ of/ ate] the file. Katie learned that companies [rat/ yes/ put] coupon booklets in the Sunday newspaper. Although [the/ sand/ saw] expiration dates were sooner on many [bit/ at/ of] these coupons, they provided bigger values [than/ wind/ rose] many others. She also noticed that many companies offered [wish/ cash/ water] refunds if you saved a certain [stains/ number/ apple] of proof- of-purchase seals from [care/ got/ the] package of the product. Finally, she convinced [her/ hand/ has] father to shop on Wednesday, "double [drive/ gotten/ coupon] day" at their grocery store. The [shell/ kites/ store] paid double the value of any [swamps/ coupon/ floors] less than fifty cents.

After seeing Katie's success, [two/ care/ and] of her friends began the same [sort/ jump/ plan] with their families. The three of [them/ tree/ snow] swapped coupons and saved proof-of-purchase [seals/ lips/ skip] for each other. They also began [of/ sit/ to] send for various premium offers [to/ of/ by] saving proof-of-purchase seals. Sweatshirts, [beach/ stuff/ tears] towels, visors, toys, caps, t-shirts, and posters [then/ were/ year] among the items they received. In addition [sat/ pit/ to] the items, Katie was soon earning [over/ your/ gear] ten dollars a week. Her parents [sire/ ring/ were] pleased with the results, but her [cream/ rinse/ sister] wished she had thought of the [idea/ flea/ kind] sooner. She was only making a [steam/ couple/ rushes] of dollars a week baby-sitting.